North Dakota Trails Conference
June 18-19, 2013 • Bismarck

PRE-CONFERENCE NETWORKING – MONDAY, JUNE 17

6:00 p.m.   **No-Host Dinner**

DAY ONE – TUESDAY, JUNE 18

10:00 a.m.   **Welcome, Opening Remarks and Introductions**
Mark Zimmerman and Matthew Gardner, NDPRD, and Wayne Beyer, NDRPA

10:30 a.m.   **General Session: Trail Accessibility**
John McGovern, Recreation Accessibility Consultants LLC
What requirements for access must trails meet? Do we have a maximum running slope and cross slope?
What variance is available if the trail bed is a natural surface as opposed to a poured or planked surface?
What exceptions are available for rugged or unusual terrain? What's the smart practice for trail design? This
session answers those questions and more for an overview of trail must-dos and trail ought-to-dos.

Noon   **Lunch with Presentation by Scott Kudelka**
Author of North Dakota's Best Hiking Trails *and* North Dakota State Park Series

1:00 p.m.   **Concurrent Sessions**

- Accessibility on Trails, *John McGovern, Recreation Accessibility Consultants LLC*
  Explore the trails within the Bismarck Parks and Recreation District system during this field session. Using
  a checklist based on the draft final guideline for federal owned and operated sites, we'll measure slope,
  cross slope, changes in level, protrusions, overhead clearance and more. We'll also talk about the four
  reasons for departure from the technical requirements for trails access. And we'll identify simple tools
  needed for trail access evaluation.

- Single Track Mechanized Trailing Building Demo, *Dawn Packard and Steve Thomas, Blue Sky Trails, and
  Marc Brown, NDPRD*
  Head out to Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park for this field session on trail building and maintenance.

- Trail Marketing & Events
  Learn about free and inexpensive marketing opportunities to let North Dakotans and visitors know about
  your trails. Hear about a variety of trail-based events and how to make them a success on your trails.

  - 1 p.m. Marketing on a Budget – *ND Tourism*

  - 2:15 p.m. Marathons, Walks and Race-Oriented Events – *David Nash, Bismarck Marathon; Dennis Nybo,
    Bismarck Parks and Recreation District; and Kevin Stankiewicz, NDPRD*

  - 3:30 p.m. Trail Programs and Interpretive Activities – *Melanie Parvey, Grand Forks Greenway, and
    Kathy Duttenhefner and Amy Schmietz, NDPRD*

5:00 p.m.   **Social – Sponsored by**   Kadrmas
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DAY TWO – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

8:00 a.m. **General Session: Grant Funding Panel**, *Kevin Stankiewicz, NDPRD; Ben Kubitscha, NDDOT; Dean Ihla, ND Tourism; and Kim Cook, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District*
Hear about available grant funding and tips for submitting a winning proposal.

9:00 a.m. **General Session: Trail Signage**, *Paula Johnson, US Forest Service; Randy Bina, Bismarck Parks and Recreation District; and Keri Wanner, Snowmobile North Dakota*
Find out about the latest in trail signage in different environments.

10:00 a.m. **Concurrent Case Studies**
Explore the development of various types of trails in these concurrent sessions.
- <u>Motorized Trails</u> (Pembina Gorge), *Mike Duerre, NDPRD*
- <u>Rural Trails</u> (Maah Daah Hey Trail), *Paula Johnson, US Forest Service*
- <u>Urban Trails</u>, *Dave Leker, Fargo Park District, and Ron Merritt, Minot Park District*

11:00 **Closing Session: Trail Planning**
Brett Gurholt, Bob Shannon and Dave Mayer, Kadrmas, Lee and Jackson
Learn how to analyze and determine the best locations for trail systems based on grades, environmental impacts, design speeds and aesthetics. The session will also cover information from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) guide for the development of bicycle facilities, along with tips on how to work with local jurisdictions to preserve trail corridors.

REGISTRATION

Free, but pre-registration is required by **June 11**
http://ndtrailsconference2013.eventbrite.com

ACCOMMODATIONS

Best Western Ramkota Hotel, 800 S. 3rd St., Bismarck, ND
"Trails Conference" room block available until **May 18**
$94.00/single or double
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